On page 13, line 9, delete "increase" and insert --increases--.

On page 13, line 14, delete "(e.g." and insert --(e.g.,--.

## REMARKS

Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner has withdrawn the rejections of the Office Action dated January 22, 1999. Applicants further respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the following comments. The above amendments to the specification correct minor typographical errors. No new matter is presented.

The pending claims are claims 12-13 and 18-26. Independent Claim 12 is directed to a wound or burn dressing comprising a bandage, a topical antibiotic and non-interlinked particles of bioactive glass wherein the particles of bioactive glass are capable of contacting a wound or burn and thereby releasing Na, Ca or P into the wound or burn. Independent Claim 22 is directed to a wound or burn treatment apparatus comprising a topical antibiotic in a first chamber, non-interlinked particles of bioactive glass in a second chamber and a mixing means for mixing the topical antibiotic and the non-interlinked particles of bioactive glass. Independent Claim 24 is directed to a composition for the healing of wounds and burns comprising a mixture of non-interlinked particles of bioactive glass and at least one topical antibiotic. Independent Claim 25 is directed to a composition for healing wounds or burns comprising a wound or burn healing effective amount of non-interlinked particles of bioactive glass, said particles capable of releasing sodium into a wound or burn. Independent Claim 26 is directed to a wound or burn dressing comprising a bandage and non-interlinked particles of bioactive glass, said particles capable of contacting a wound or burn and thereby releasing sodium into the wound or burn.

Claims 12-13, 18, 21, and 24-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Meiss, U.S.P. No. 5,000,746, in view of Low et al., U.S.P. No. 4,851,046, Coleman et al., and Wood. The rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 is respectfully traversed.